



# Turkey Hatchery

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## **Eggs in Incubators on September Down Slightly**

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 28.3 million, down slightly from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 7 percent below the August 2004 total of 30.6 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 3 percent, West North Central down 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 3 percent, South Central up 4 percent, and West down 5 percent.

## **Poults Placed During August Down 2 Percent From Last Year**

The 23.7 million poults placed during August 2004 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6 percent from the July 2004 total of 25.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central up 5 percent, North and South Atlantic down 11 percent, South Central up 10 percent, and West down 11 percent.

**Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poults Placements,  
United States, 2002-04 <sup>1</sup>**

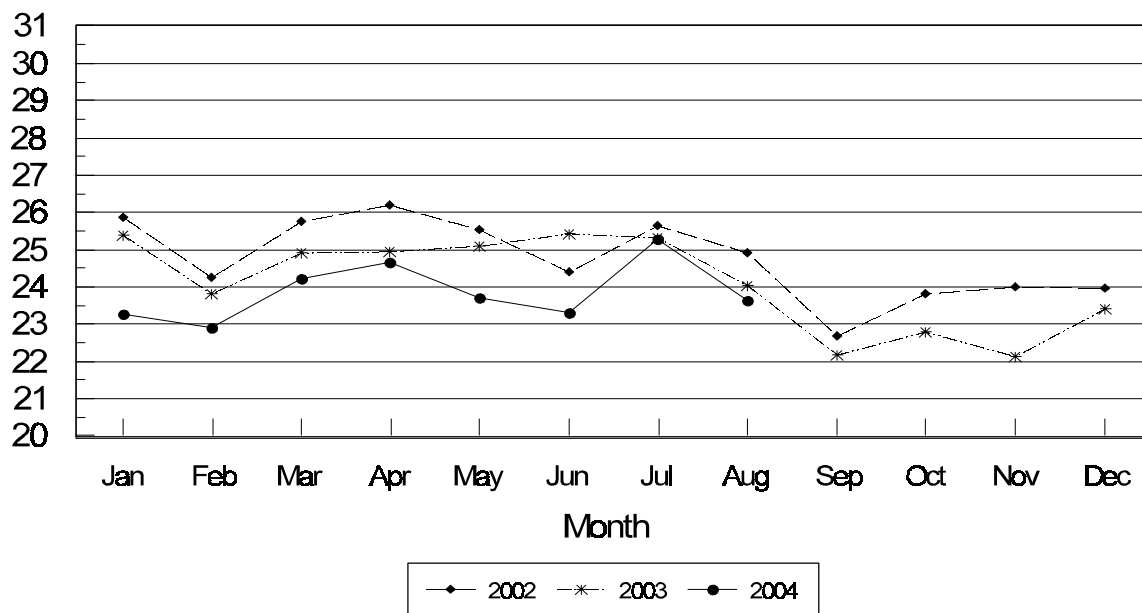
Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sep	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan	25,389	23,273	92	119,834	113,828	95
Feb	23,833	22,905	96	143,667	136,733	95
Mar	24,902	24,215	97	168,569	160,948	95
Apr	24,938	24,664	99	193,507	185,612	96
May	25,111	23,692	94	218,618	209,304	96
Jun	25,422	23,291	92	244,040	232,595	95
Jul	25,330	25,275	100	269,370	257,870	96
Aug	24,036	23,654	98	293,406	281,524	96

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes exported poults.

## Turkey Poults Placed United States 2002-2004

Million Poults



**Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region  
and United States, September 2004 with Comparisons**

Geographic Division	Sep 1 2003	Aug 1 2004	Sep 1 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,604	4,738	4,478	97	95
W N Central	11,341	11,497	11,147	98	97
N & S Atlantic	8,318	*9,046	8,539	103	94
S Central	2,208	*2,287	2,301	104	101
West	1,933	3,035	1,843	95	61
US	28,404	*30,603	28,308	100	93

\* Revised.

**Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States,  
August 2004 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

Geographic Division	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,541	3,612	3,577	101	99
W N Central	8,795	9,295	9,262	105	100
N & S Atlantic	7,399	7,705	6,622	89	86
S Central	1,708	1,863	1,873	110	101
West	2,593	2,800	2,320	89	83
US	24,036	25,275	23,654	98	94

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

**Regional Listing:**

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

## Turkey Hatchery Estimates

**Data Sources:** Primary data for the "**Turkey Hatchery**" report are collected from weekly and/or monthly questionnaires sent to turkey hatcheries in 18 States. An attempt is made to collect hatchery information from all known hatcheries in these 18 monthly States. Approximately 40 hatcheries are contacted each month.

**Revisions:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data and are usually less than 1 percent at the U.S. level. Revisions to the previous month are published in the monthly "**Turkey Hatchery**" report, while annual revisions are published in the "**Hatchery Production - Annual Summary**" report at the end of the marketing year.

**Procedures and Reliability:** Hatcheries are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. Those that do not respond by mail are called by phone. Diligent effort is made to ensure that all hatcheries are accounted for in the estimate. An allowance is made for all non-reporting hatcheries.

Accumulated poult placements beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 are shown in the monthly "**Turkey Hatchery**" report. This time period corresponds with the placements of poults which will reach maturity and be available for slaughter during the calendar year. Only regional and U.S. level estimates are published due to the limited number of hatcheries involved. Regional placement data in the report refer to placement of poults from hatcheries located in that region, not the actual location of the birds after placement. Poults exported out of the U.S. and poults imported from outside of the U.S. are not included in the report.

Turkey hatchery estimates are based on a census of operating hatcheries and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

States in the monthly estimating program are Arkansas, California, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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